

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : **Hartmut Schön**
Title : **Apparatus for the Provision of a Block Flange of a Manhole
Arpeture of the Like, in Particular for Fluidized Bad Reactors**
Serial No. : **09/849,678**
Filed : **March 15, 2005**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 on the date shown below as
Express Mail Receipt No. EW332245935 US
Name: Ralisa Subhaw
Signature: R. Subhaw
Date: April 15, 2005

April 15, 2005

Mail Stop: PCT
Commissioner for Patents
Office of PCT Legal Administration
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant hereby submits a request for reconsideration of the Decision on the "Peititon Pursuatnt to 37 CFR 1.137(b) To Revive Application For Filing of Continuation Application" filed on March 15, 2005. The Decision dated April 12, 2005 dismissed the petition without prejudice.

The Decision noted that Applicant's filing of the present coninuing application under 35 U.S.C. 111 was note accepted as an appropriate response under 37 CFR 1.137(b) because the Applicant must have the application co-pending under 37 CFR 1.78 to claim benefit of the international application. Applicant is submitting herewith a Supplemental Preliminary

Amendment to amend the first paragraph added to the application by the Preliminary Amendment filed with the continuation application. It is believed that the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment adds to the application a proper statement under 37 CFR 1.78 for co-pendency.

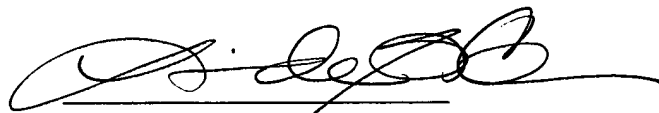
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the current application would be an appropriate response under 37 CFR 1.137(b). Thus, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that its petition filed on March 15, 2005 be entered and the current application accepted and sent to examination.

Enclosed herewith is also a request for change of the correspondence address for the current application. It is respectfully requested that the change of correspondence address be entered to associate the current application with Customer Number 26304.

It is believed that no fee is due with this request for reconsideration or the preliminary amendment being filed concurrently herewith. However, if any fee is due with this request for reconsideration or the preliminary amendment being filed herewith, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Please direct any questions regarding this request for reconsideration to the applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda S. Chan', written over a horizontal line.

Linda S. Chan
Registration No. 42,400

Attorney Docket No.: **3167/MEINKE (053735-87566)**

Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman
575 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022-2585
Phone: (212)940-8800